

October 26, 2007

Moonlight Basin Ranch PO Box 1369 Ennis, MT 59729

Attention: M

Mr. Jon Braxton

Subject:

**Nuclear Field Density Testing** 

Moose Creek Subdivision

Moonlight Basin Ranch, Montana

Dear Mr. Braxton:

At your request, we have tested field compaction for earthwork being conducted on Lots 10, 11, 12, and 13 within Moose Creek Subdivision in Moonlight Basin Ranch. The purpose of this work has been to provide you with some reasonable indication that fill materials were being densified consistent with normally accepted standards. Our involvement included only laboratory testing of on-site and structural fill samples (to determine the maximum dry density) as well as nuclear densometer testing during fill placement and compaction per your request.

An initial silty gravel sample was provided to us on August 24, 2007 for laboratory testing of maximum dry density; results from this test found a maximum dry density of 119.4 pounds per cubic foot (pcf) and an optimum moisture content of 11.8 percent. Initial densometer testing was subsequently conducted (on August 30, 2007), and the placed material appeared much different from the sampled material. Thus, additional samples were collected and tested on August 31, 2007 and September 5, 2007. Laboratory testing found maximum dry densities of 121.6 pcf and 134.9 pcf for subgrade and Structural Fill materials. You then selected which material was to be placed at the site and requested further compaction testing. Following September 5, 2007, the Structural Fill/pit run material was used almost exclusively on the lot building sites. Results from all laboratory tests are attached.

Any material placed before September 5, was removed and replaced with Structural Fill/pit run material as density testing of the on-site fill did not meet the typical acceptance criterion. Our geologist was on-site six additional times for field density testing, when requested by the site contractor. For building purposes, it was assumed that a minimum 98 percent of the laboratory dry density value per ASTM D698 was desired. This was generally met, with a few exceptions, as shown on the attached nuclear densometer test results; in areas where failing tests occurred, the site contractor was advised to recompact prior to placement of additional fill. Compaction of the material was not fully completed before the winter season, and additional compaction and testing is recommended next spring as the in-place fill dries, allowing repair of winter effects, and additional fill can be placed.

We can be of assistance in the spring as additional testing is needed for the final fill lifts. Please contact our office with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Brenda C. Green

Staff Geotechnical Engineer

Gary A. Quinn, P.E.

Senior Geotechnical Engineer

In two copies Enclosures Job No. 07-352 Date 10/26/07

Project Moose Creek Subdivision

Moonlight Basin Ranch

Source of Material

Lab No.

Point ID and Depth Structural Fill - Pit Run

Description of Material

Test Method ASTM D698

Rammer Type Manual, 5.5 #

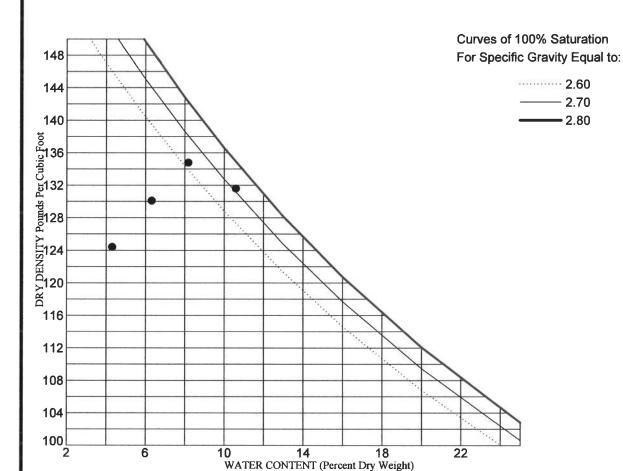
**TEST RESULTS** 

ATTERBERG LIMITS

PΙ

%

Maximum Dry Density 134.9PCF LL PL
Optimum Water Content 8.7% % %





## **MOISTURE-DENSITY RELATIONSHIP**

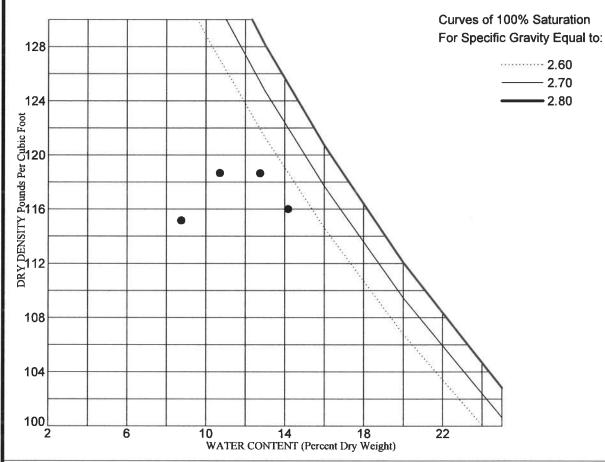
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Job No.	07-352	Date <u>10/26/07</u>			
Project	Moose Creek	« Subdivision	_		
	Moonlight B	asin Ranch	_		
Source of	f Material				
Lab No.					
Point ID	and Depth	Subgrade Fill			
Descripti	on of Material	Silty Gravel With Sand	_		
Test Met	hod	ASTM D698			
Rammer	Type	Manual, 5.5 #			

**TEST RESULTS** 

ATTERBERG LIMITS

Maximum Dry Density <u>119.4PCF</u>	LL	PL	PI
Optimum Water Content 11.8%	%	_%_	_%_





## **MOISTURE-DENSITY RELATIONSHIP**

NTL Engineering & Geoscience, Inc. Great Falls, MT 59404 Plate No. 3

Job No. 07-352 Date 10/26/07

Project Moose Creek Subdivision

Moonlight Basin Ranch

Source of Material

Lab No.

Point ID and Depth
Description of Material

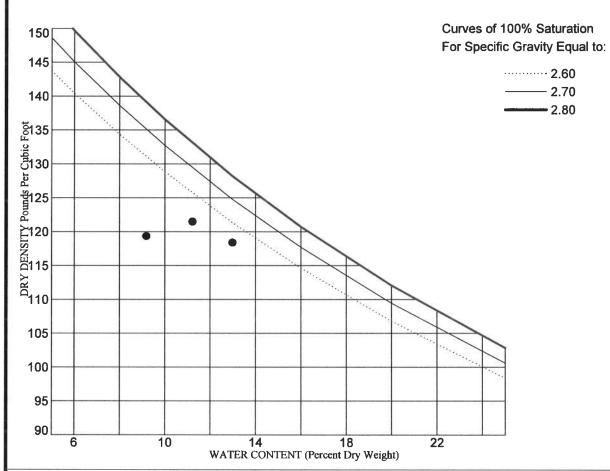
Test Method
Rammer Type

Manual, 5.5 #

**TEST RESULTS** 

**ATTERBERG LIMITS** 

Maximum Dry Density121.6PCFLLPLPIOptimum Water Content11.4%%%%





## **MOISTURE-DENSITY RELATIONSHIP**

NTL Engineering & Geoscience, Inc. Great Falls, MT 59404 Plate No. 1



Report To: Moonlight Basin Ranch PO Box 1369

Ennis, MT 59729

Report Of: Nuclear Field Density Tests

NTL Engineering & Geoscience, Inc.

1392 13th Ave SW Great Falls, MT 59404 Phone: 406.453.5400

Date: 10/23/2007

**Invoice Number:** 

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**Job Number:** 07-352

Project: Moose Creek

Subdivision-Moonlight Basin

Ranch

Test Description

Nuclear field density testing, performed in accordance with ASTM D2922 and ASTM D3017, was conducted for the referenced project. Results of field density are presented in the following summary along with test date, location, and applicable maximum laboratory density.

Test Results Summary						
Lab lumber	Test Date	Moisture Content (%)	Dry Density (pcf)	Maximum Lab Dry Density/ (Curve Lab #)	Percent of Lab Maximum Density Obtained (%)	Percent of Lab Maximum Density Required (%)
1 Location:	8/30/2007 Lot 10; Cen	14.5 ter of Pad (2.0 feet	110.6 below grade)	119.2	92.8	98.0
2 Location:	8/30/2007 Lot 10; 2.5	14.5 West of Center (2.0	110.9 below grade)	119.2	93.0	98.0
3 Location:	8/30/2007 Lot 11; NW	15.3 Corner (8.0 feet be	99.2 elow grade)	119.2	83.2	98.0
4 Location:	9/4/2007 Lot 11; NW	16.0 Corner (8.0 feet be	110.4 elow grade)	119.2	92.6	98.0
5 Location:	9/11/2007 Lot 11; NW	7.7 Corner (9.5 feet be	130.8 elow grade)	134.9	97.0	98.0
6 Location:	9/12/2007 Lot 11; Cen	9.6 ter of Pad (9.0 feet	129.4 below grade)	134.9	95.9	98.0
7 Location:	9/12/2007 Lot 11; East	6.9 Side of Pad (9.0 fo	128.3 eet below grade)	134.9	95.1	98.0
8 Location:	9/12/2007 Lot 11; Wes	7.3 st Side of Pad (9.0 1	129.6 feet below grade)	134.9	96.1	98.0
9 Location:	9/12/2007 Lot 10; NE	10.5 Corner (4.0 feet be	118.9 low grade)	134.9	88.1	98.0
10 Location:	9/13/2007 Lot 11; NW	5.6 Corner (8.0 feet be	138.4 elow grade)	134.9	102.6	98.0

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Lab Number	Test Date	Moisture Content (%)	Dry Density (pcf)	Maximum Lab Dry Density/ (Curve Lab #)	Percent of Lab Maximum Density Obtained (%)	Percent of Lab Maximum Density Required (%)
11 Location:	9/13/2007 Lot 12, NE C	7.7 Corner (8.0 feet be	134.6 low grade)	134.9	99.8	98.0
12 Location:	9/13/2007 Lot 11; SW 0	8.9 Corner (7.0 feet be	134.3 clow grade)	134.9	99.6	98.0
13 Location:	9/13/2007 Lot 12; SE C	8.7 orner (7.0 feet bel	133.0 ow grade)	134.9	98.6	98.0
14 Location:	9/13/2007 Lot 13; SW (	13.6 Corner (5.0 feet be	111.6 clow grade)	119.2	93.6	98.0
15 Location:	9/13/2007 Lot 13; NW	10.2 Corner (5.0 feet be	116.2 elow grade)	119.2	97.5	98.0
16 Location:	9/17/2007 Lot 11; NW	6.8 Corner (2.0 feet be	131.8 elow grade)	134.9	97.7	98.0
17 Location:	9/17/2007 Lot 11; SW (	7.7 Corner (2.0 feet be	135.5 slow grade)	134.9	100.4	98.0
18 Location:	9/17/2007 Lot 11; SE C	7.5 orner (2.0 feet bel	134.1 ow grade)	134.9	99.4	98.0
19 Location:	9/17/2007 Lot 12; SW (	6.7 Corner (2.0 feet be	132.3 slow grade)	134.9	98.1	98.0
20 Location:	9/17/2007 Lot 12; NW l	8.1 Deck Footing (at g	132.8 grade)	134.9	98.4	98.0
21 Location:	9/19/2007 Lot 12; SE C	8.5 orner (0.2 feet bel	135.5 ow grade)	134.9	100.4	98.0
22 Location:	9/19/2007 Lot 12; NE C	8.5 Corner (0.2 feet be	135.9 low grade)	134.9	100.7	98.0
23 Location:	9/19/2007 Lot 11; NW (	7.0 Corner (1.0 feet be	136.0 clow grade)	134.9	100.8	98.0
24 Location:	9/19/2007 Lot 11, SE C	9.3 orner (1.0 feet bel	133.8 ow grade)	134.9	99.2	98.0
25 Location:	9/27/2007 Lot 11; SE C	8.2 orner	132.4	134.9	98.1	98.0

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Lab Number	_	Moisture Content (%)	Dry Density (pcf)	Maximum Lab Dry Density/ (Curve Lab#)	Percent of Lab Maximum Density Obtained (%)	Percent of Lab Maximum Density Required (%)
26 Location:	9/27/2007 Lot 11; NE Corn	7.9 er	124.7	134.9	92.4	98.0
27 Location:	9/27/2007 Lot 11; Middle-V	8.4 West Wall	132.1	134.9	97.9	98.0
28 Location:	9/27/2007 Lot 13; Middle-F	7.3 East Wall	133.2	134.9	98.7	98.0
29 Location:	9/27/2007 Lot 12; SE Corne	7.2 er	133.7	134.9	99.1	98.0
30 Location:	9/27/2007 Lot 12; NE Corn	6.9 er	135.7	134.9	100.6	98.0

Reviewed	Bv:	
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